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I Claim:

1 1. A method for sending an electronic message comprising the
2 following steps:

3 (a) in preparation for sending an e-mail message, performing the
4 following substep:

5 (a.1) removing from any addresses specified in a "To" field, any
6 addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
7 "To" field; and,

8 (b) sending the e-mail message.

1 2. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2 following substep:

3 (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in a "Cc" field, any
4 addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
5 "Cc" field.

1 3. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2 following substep:

3 (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in a "Bcc" field, any
4 addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
5 "Bcc" field.

1 4. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) at least a subset of
2 addresses to be removed from the "To" field are specified using a group list.

1 5. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) at least a subset of
2 addresses to be removed from the "To" field are specified using at least one
3 group list and at least one individually listed address.

1 6. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2 following substep:

3 (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in the "To" field, any
4 addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all
5 address fields.

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1 7. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2 following substeps:

3 (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in a "Cc" field, any
4 addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
5 "Cc" field;

6 (a.3) removing from any addresses specified in a "Bcc" field, any
7 addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
8 "Bcc" field; and,

9 (a.4) removing from any addresses specified in the "To" field, the "Cc"
10 field and the "Bcc" field any addresses within a field used to specify
11 addresses to be removed from all address fields.

1 8. A method for sending an electronic message comprising the
2 following steps:

3 (a) in preparation for sending an e-mail message, performing the
4 following substep:

5 (a.1) removing from any addresses specified in a "To" field, a
6 "Cc" field and a "Bcc" field of the e-mail message any addresses within a field
7 used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields.

8 (b) sending the e-mail message.

1 9. An electronic mail system for generating a message for being sent
2 electronically, the message comprising the following fields:

3 a "To" field for listing primary addresses to receive the message; and,
4 a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "To" field in
5 preparation for sending the message.

1 10. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally
2 comprising the following fields:

3 a "Cc" field for listing addresses to receive a copy of the message; and,
4 a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "Cc" field in
5 preparation for sending the message.

1 11. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally
2 comprising the following fields:

3 a "Bcc" field for listing addresses to receive a blind copy of the
4 message; and,

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5 a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "Bcc" field in
6 preparation for sending the message.

1 12. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally
2 comprising the following field:
3 a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields
4 in preparation for sending the message.

1 13. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally
2 comprising the following fields:
3 a "Cc" field for listing addresses to receive a copy of the message;
4 a "Bcc" field for listing addresses to receive a blind copy of the
5 message; and,
6 a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields
7 in preparation for sending the message.

1 14. An electronic mail system for generating a message for being sent
2 electronically, the message comprising the following fields:
3 a "To" field for listing primary addresses to receive the message;
4 a "Cc" field for listing addresses to receive a copy of the message;
5 a "Bcc" field for listing addresses to receive a blind copy of the
6 message; and,
7 a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields
8 in preparation for sending the message.

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